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tion to Depreciation Reserve Fund was Rs. 45,27,123 and the total contribution outstanding at the end of the period was Rs. 5,75,81,747 which is yet adjustable to the credit of the Board.

Interest on Capital Expenditure.

1590. Under 52—Interest on Electricity Schemes, interest charges accounted for the half year amounted to Rs. 75,98,927 outside the Revenue accounts of the Department.

1591. The gross receipts and working expenses of the Department for the half year ending 30th September 1957 stood as follows:—

	Rs.
(1) Gross Receipts ...	2,23,99,823
(2) Working Expenses (excluding interest charges).	1,17,18,126
Net Revenue ...	1,06,81,697

Accidents.

1592. There were 37 fatal accidents to human lives and 18 accidents to animals during the half year.

1593. Action was being taken to replace the overhead lines by underground cables to minimise accidents as far as practicable.

1594. The activities of the Government Electricity Department except for works referred to above, have been switched on to the Electricity Board, which started functioning from 1st October 1957.

(iv) Electricity Board

1595. The Mysore State Electricity Board was constituted with effect from 30th September 1957. The Board started functioning on 1st October 1957 with an initial loan of Rs. 50 lakhs obtained from the State Government towards its working expenses, after having surrendered all balances of voted grants for the works maintained and developed by the State Electricity Department. Within the course of six months the Board repaid Rs. 35 lakhs to Government after building up its own resources in Government Treasuries through which the transactions of the Board are permitted to be handled.

1596. The Report pertains to the second half of the year commencing from 1st October 1957 to 31st March 1958,

All existing works of operations and maintenance of Generating Stations in Sivasamudram, Shimshapura, and Jog, Transmission Lines and Distribution system and development works under Rural Electrification, Power Supply to Irrigation Pumpsets, interior distribution and step-down stations and net work of transmission lines which were under the Government Electricity Department was transferred to the control of the Board declaring a provisional capital liability of Rs. 30,78,88,501 pertaining to old Mysore State, in Government Order No. P.W.D. 28 SEB 57, dated the 30th November 1957. Government however retained under its own control the execution of Sharavathi Hydro-Electric Project, Bhadra Hydro-Electric Project, Tungabhadra Hydro-Electric Project (Left Bank) and financing of share of expenditure of second stage Development of Tungabhadra Hydro-Electric Project under the control of Tungabhadra Board.

1597. The Board has maintained satisfactorily the Hydro-Electric Power Generating plants of 1,79,200 KW capacity in the three Generating Stations at Sivasamudram, Shimshapura and Jog and Oil Generating plants aggregating to 6,300 KW capacity in 15 places of integrated areas. Two thousand one hundred and eightysix circuit miles of High Tension Transmission Lines of 11 KV and above were also maintained. During the period, 46,83,68,897 KWH of power was produced and 3,97,716 KWH was purchased from private licensees (total 46,87,66,613 KWH) and sold 4,03,014,294 KWH to several classes of consumers including private licensees in the State.

1598. During the half year ending 31st March 1958 13,121 new consumers were added mostly domestic, public lighting and irrigation pumpsets; and the connected load was increased by 28,465 KW. Seventy-four minor villages having less than 5,000 population were electrified bringing the total number of towns and villages so far electrified to 1,498.

1599. For the six months to which this report relates, a gross revenue of Rs. 2,16,85,382·02 was earned through sale of power, and miscellaneous receipts like rents on buildings, sale of scrap etc,. A sum of Rs. 73,74,302·54 was spent on operating expenses and Rs. 72,447·59 on

Profit and losses under Revenue Account.

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purchase of power from private licensees, resulting in a net receipt of Rs. 1,42,38,610·89. Depreciation, Interest, Audit and Administration charges, and contribution towards Pension and Provident Fund of employees amounted to Rs. 1,53,74,119·03 as against net receipt of Rs. 1,42,38,631·89 resulting in a net loss of Rs. 11,35,487·14.

Capital Account

1600. As against the provisional liability of Rs. 30,78,88,501 declared by Government on 30th November 1957, the assets of the Board as on 30th September 1957 was assumed as Rs. 34,23,81,715·98. The difference between the declared liability and that assumed represents the value of assets from integrated areas not regularly adjusted in accounts. During the half year the capital expenditure incurred amounted to Rs. 1,58,22,637·54.

1601. The following development works were in progress :—

110 KV Shimoga—Bangalore Transmission Lines nearing completion.

Sub-stations at Subramanyapura, Thippagondanahalli, nearing completion.

Frequency conversion works at Chickballapur, Gowribidanur and Shimshapura, were nearing completion.

Stores

1602. The value of stock excluding incidental adjustments at the end of the period stood at Rs. 1,86,24,188·70.

Welfare Schemes

1603. The Board continued to maintain two High Schools at Jog and Sivasamudram and the Middle School at Hirebhasgar with its own resources. Three well equipped Hospitals at Jog, Sivasamudram and Shimshapura were also maintained at the cost of the Board.